

Blends

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A **BLEND** IS A WORD FORMED WHEN PARTS OF TWO WORDS ARE COMBINED OR BLENDED TOGETHER. A BLEND IS ALSO CALLED A PORTMANTEAU WORD. A PORTMANTEAU IS A SUITCASE WITH TWO SIDES.

A **fortnight** is two weeks.

A **clash** is a loud noise.

When you say goodbye, you say **farewell**.

A **prissy** person is fussy.

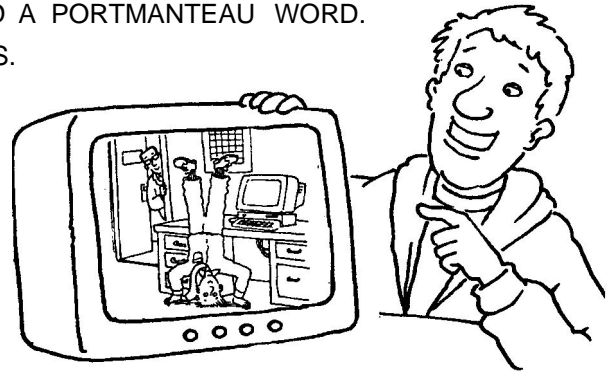
An illustrated lecture about traveling is a **travelogue**.

A **Laundromat** is a commercial place for washing and drying clothes in coin-operated machines.

Flextime is an arrangement workers make with employers to set their own work schedules.

If you ride in a **motorcade**, you are in a procession of cars.

A walking marathon is a **walkathon**.



A **sitcom** is a humorous television show.

A.. Write the blend formed from each pair of words.

1. situation and comedy
2. fourteen and night
3. walk and marathon
4. prim and sissy
5. motor and cavalcade
6. travel and monologue
7. flexible and time
8. fare and well

B. Write the vocabulary word for each clue.

1. a harsh sound _____
2. a place for dirty clothes -----

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

- The cookie tin made a loud _____ when it fell to the tile floor.
- Iris giggles when she watches that _____ on Wednesday nights.
- We took part in a _____ to help raise money for a good cause.
- Mr. Tingley works _____ hours so he can be home when Jim's school is out.
- It was hard to say _____ when our visit was over.
- Barry took two bags of clothing to the _____.
- The students saw a _____ about an expedition on the Amazon River.
- The President's _____ moved slowly down the boulevard.
- My bean seeds sprouted in less than a _____.
- The little girl was rather _____ and didn't want to get her hands dirty.

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B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

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| 1. Which one is good exercise? | <input type="radio"/> walkout | <input type="radio"/> walkway | <input type="radio"/> walkathon |
| 2. Which one is the longest? | <input type="radio"/> weekend | <input type="radio"/> weeknight | <input type="radio"/> fortnight |
| 3. What is a sitcom? | <input type="radio"/> comedy | <input type="radio"/> tragedy | <input type="radio"/> history |
| 4. What's in a Laundromat? | <input type="radio"/> computer | <input type="radio"/> dishwasher | <input type="radio"/> dryer |

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Describe a scene for a sitcom. Use at least four vocabulary words.